

AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings:

The appendix includes replacement sheets of drawings for FIGS. 1, 2 and 6-9.

FIGS. 1 and 2 have been amended to include textual descriptions in response to the objection to the drawings.

FIGS. 6-9 have been amended to replace the handwritten letters and numbers with printed letters and numbers.

Appendix: Six (6) Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 1-5, 7-10, 12-16, 18 and 20. To expedite issuance, Applicants have canceled withdrawn claims 22-26 and amended the figures in response to the drawing objection as explained in the drawing amendment section.

In view of the above, early action issuing a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **246472003300**.

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APPENDIX